

HOUSE BILL 2000

By Cochran

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to evaluations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d)(2)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

Notwithstanding this subsection (d) to the contrary, if a teacher earned a final evaluation score of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" on the teacher's most recent annual evaluation, and if the teacher, for the current evaluation year, does not have access to individual growth data representative of student growth, as specified in subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii), due to the first year of implementation and assessment of new academic standards in the grade and subject taught by the teacher, then, upon the request of the teacher, fifteen percent (15%) of the teacher's evaluation criteria must be comprised of student achievement data based on other measures of student achievement pursuant to subdivision (d)(2)(B)(iii) and fifteen percent (15%) must be comprised of one (1) or more of the other mandatory criteria for teacher evaluations pursuant to subdivision (d)(2)(C), unless using the evaluation criteria outlined in subdivision (d)(2)(B)(vii) results in a higher final evaluation score for the teacher.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.